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Los Angeles INS Welcomes New Public Information Officer

LOS ANGELES — A seasoned public relations professional who most recently served as a spokesperson for the Chicago Housing Authority has been named to head up media relations for the Los Angeles District Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Francisco Arcaute arrived in Southern California earlier this week where he will be the primary point of contact for media seeking information on INS activities in the Los Angeles area.

"Francisco's fluency in Spanish together with his extensive background in journalism and media relations are going to be a great asset in our efforts to keep the public informed," said Los Angeles INS District Director Thomas J. Schiltgen.

Prior to joining the Chicago Housing Authority in 1999, Arcaute served as a spokesperson for the Chicago Public Library. In addition to media relations, Arcaute has also worked for various Chicago area media outlets, including the Chicago Tribune, Extra Newspapers, and CBS Newsradio 78.

Arcaute's past honors include an Outstanding Reporting award from the National Association of Hispanic Publications and recognition from the Publicity Club of Chicago.

Arcaute replaces Sharon Gavin who left INS last year to take a job with Metrolink. Like his predecessor, Arcaute is based in the District's downtown office on Los Angeles Street. He can be reached at (213) 830-4938.